



Anne Njogu receives Secretary Clinton's 2010 International Women of Courage Award

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Kenyan political activist Ann Njogu is one of this year's winners of the International Women of Courage (IWOC) award initiated by the U.S. Department of State to recognize women around the globe who have shown exceptional courage and leadership in advocating for women's rights and advancement. On March 10, U. S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton presented the awards to the honorees at a ceremony at the Department of State in Washington, D.C.

The awardees are: Ann Njogu (Kenya), Shukria Asil (Afghanistan), Col. Shafiq Quraishi (Afghanistan), Androula Henriques (Cyprus), Sonia Pierre (Dominican Republic), Shadi Sadr (Iran), Dr. Lee Ae-ran (Republic of Korea), Jansila Majeed (Sri Lanka), Sister Marie Claude Naddaf (Syria), and Jestina Mukoko (Zimbabwe).

The annual International Women of Courage Award was started in March 2007 to recognize women around the globe who have shown exceptional courage and leadership in advocating for women's rights and advancement. This is the only award within the Department of State that pays tribute to outstanding women leaders worldwide. It recognizes the courage and leadership shown as they struggle for social justice and human rights.

"These ten women have overcome personal adversity, threats, arrest, and assault to dedicate themselves to activism for human rights," said Melanne Verveer, the State Department's first ever Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues. "From striving to give more voice to

politically underrepresented women in Afghanistan to documenting human rights abuses in Zimbabwe, these heroic individuals have made it their life's work to increase freedom and equality in the world.”

The International Women of Courage Awards will be open to the press. For more information on the award and the 2010 recipient, visit: <http://www.state.gov/s/gwi/iwoc/2010/index.htm>

View the [video](#) of the awards ceremony including talks by First Lady Michelle Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and actress Reese Witherspoon

For photos of the awards ceremony, visit:
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